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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm a consumer who recently had fiber Internet service installed, and I'm writing to help ensure healthy competition in the telecom industry.

AT&T and their trade association, USTelecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile infrastructure. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic and other smaller providers are at risk of losing access to a huge portion of our customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Please don't cave to AT&T and other giants.

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